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First Negro Woman Serves On Alabama Federal Jury

The History Club of the Booker Washington High School reports the first Negro woman to serve on a jury in Alabama. At the Middle District Federal Court meeting in Dothan, with Judge Frank M. Johnson presiding, Mrs. Richmond P. Smiley served.

Mrs. Smiley was the first Negro woman to serve on a jury in the state of Alabama. In the state courts no women serve on juries. Last year women served on Federal juries.

Mrs. Smiley received her B.S. degree in Secondary Education at the Alabama State College and recently received her M.Ed degree in Physical Science at Pennsylvania State University.

During the year 1958-59 she attended the NSF program of Penn State. She is presently employed as instructor at the Booker Washington HS.

The History Club will meet in Aug. to make plans for 1960-61. Bernard Williams is president. Stella Jemison is Summer reporter; Mrs. Josie S. Lawrence and Miss Grenetta Ross are advisors.

Negro Named On Alabama Grand Jury

Huntsville, Ala., Aug. 29.—For the first time in history, a Negro has taken his place on a Madison County Grand Jury. Warren Q. Scott, county farm agent and a resident of this county for more than 20 years, was empaneled along with 17 whites last week. Four other Negroes were included in the list from which the jury was selected. One, woman was also called, but was disqualified because Alabama law prohibits women from serving on Grand Juries.

NEGRO WOMAN CALLED TO GRAND JURY SERVICE

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Georgia Marshall, operator of the Marshall Funeral Home here, has received what is believed the first summons for U.S. GRAND JURY duty issued to an Andalusia Negro woman. Mrs. Marshall, widow of Simpson Marshall, will serve on the FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN DOTHAN DEC.12.

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'Bama Negro Gets Hearing On Jury Duty

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The U.S. Supreme Court has granted a hearing to a Selma, Ala., Negro minister who claims Negroes are systematically excluded from jury duty in Dallas County, Ala.

Lewis Lloyd Anderson, who was sentenced to 10 years in jail for first degree manslaughter, made the appeal to the high court. Anderson's car struck and killed a man named Tom Reese Jan. 20, 1959.

He told the high tribunal the methods followed by the county jury commission in selecting names of Negroes for the jury roll were "highly irregular, arbitrary and contrary to the method prescribed by the laws of the state of Alabama and the Constitution of the United States."

The appeal said, "No Negro has ever served on a petit jury in Dallas County, and only one Negro reportedly ever served on a Dallas County grand jury."

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July Grand Jury

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—When the July grand jury for Montgomery County was impaneled, here, last week, with 18 members, three of the grand jurors were Negroes. It was taken to indicate an increased consideration of Negroes for service in the judicial system of the county. One of the important cases to be considered was a first degree murder charge against a wealthy white dairyman.

Inside Story on Murder Trial Deadlock

They Called Me 'Sambo,' Says Finch Juror

BY CHESTER WASHINGTON

LOS ANGELES—Racial prejudice hung like a guillotine over the deliberating jurors in the sensational murder trial of Dr. Finch and his paramour, the only Negro on the now-dismissed "hung jury" exclusively revealed to The Courier.

Alabama-born Eddie Lindsay, 28, mail carrier and musician, said at least two of the seven women jurors started casting racial insults after the second day of deliberation when they realized he did not share their views on the guilt of the defendant, Finch.

Answering the charges of threats, insults and love notes which allegedly tore asunder seven tempestuous days of deliberation, Lindsay said:

"When they started calling me 'Sambo' and 'Buster Brown,' I just couldn't take it and started answering with equally embarrassing insults. I returned insult for insult.

"Soon they began to learn that I wouldn't take these insults and especially one woman who was almost believing she was about to be tossed out of a window. She started cutting down her insults.

"Still I remember becoming angry but I don't remember exactly what I said about the window incident . . . nor do I recall telling anyone that I would throw them out of the window. However, I might have said I'd do it if the insults continued."

Continuing his inside story on what went on behind the locked doors of the jury room, Lindsay said:

"I hadn't heard about any love notes, but I do know one thing. If any 'advances' were made to any of the other jurors, they were not made by me."

Lindsay said they were a "happy group of people" before the racial insults started.

"I went into our deliberations with an open mind. Then the



EDDIE LINDSAY

... refused to take insults

insults and the fights started. So finally, after these flareups going on for five days, we announced that we were hopelessly deadlocked."

Lindsay said that racial insults were also hurled at Dolores Jaimez, (male) the only Mexican on the jury.

"They called him a 'Spic.' At least one woman called him that. And he, too, answered them back boldly.

Jaimez and Lindsay were reportedly the two persons who were opposed to a verdict of guilty for the doctor on the murder charge. Insiders say it was 10-2 for a guilty verdict on second degree for Dr. Finch and 8-4 for acquittal for Carol Tregoff.

"Louis Werner, (age 70) was the biggest liar on the jury," Eddie said.

"He lied when he accused me of filibustering for two days," he said, adding that he resented that because the Southern senators were becoming infamous for such tactics now going on in Washington.

Lindsay, who is the pianist and

arranger for the Troupers when he isn't carrying the mail for Uncle Sam, says music is his main hobby.

"Our Troupers are the hottest group of singers to hit the West Coast since The Platters," Lindsay said.

But back to his never-to-be-forgotten jury stint, Eddie declared:

"In spite of all the insults they hurled at me back there I stuck to my guns and voted the way I thought was right."

A new date will be set by the District Attorney for a re-trial of the alleged slayers of Barbara Finch. But to find new jurors who can honestly say that they haven't read or formed an opinion about the guilt of the defendants, will be like looking for a bald-headed woman in a beauty contest.

Negro Juror Tells Of 'Racial Insults'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Negro juror in the Finch murder trial admitted Wednesday that during deliberations he suggested he might throw someone out the window. He said he did it because of racial insults.

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After the second day of deliberation, he said, two women jurors referred to him as "Sambo" and "Buster Brown."

"I just couldn't take it and answered them with equally embarrassing insults," he told a reporter. "We were just a happy group of people before the insults started."

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"I was the one who suggested I might throw someone out the window—if the insults continued," Lindsey said. He said he didn't remember his exact language but:

"After that, this woman started cutting down on her insults." He didn't identify her.

Mrs. Lang denied there were racial insults.

Juror tells of insults

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Racial insults and slurs against a colored and a Mexican member of the Finch murder jury were the basis of all the reported dissension, it was charged here last week.

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"There was absolutely no racial prejudice shown by anyone. We all treated each other with respect."

A prosecutor said he and the trial judge are planning a reconvening of the jury to investigate allegations of threats and intimidation.

Negro Juror Charged With 'Proposition'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A member of the jury which deadlocked in the Finch murder trial denied that he made advances to a woman juror.

Los Angeles Dist. Atty. William B. McKesson had told a newsman that he plans to question Eddie Lindsey, 28, the only Negro on the jury, about reports that he made overtures to Mrs. Mae Rains.

McKesson made the statement at Miami Beach, where he was attending the National District Attorneys Assn. convention.

"This kind of flabbergasts me," said Lindsey, a mailman. "There is no truth to the charge."

Mrs. Rains was an alternate juror who did not participate in deliberations, which ended in a deadlock after eight days talks. Dr. R. Bernard Finch and his co-defendant, Carole Tregoff, face retrial May 23 on a charge they murdered the doctor's wife.

Finch Trial Negro Juror Called Sambo

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The defendants in the Finch murder trial return to court today for a round of arguments about the date of their second trial.

New accusations have been made about what went on in the jury room during the first trial. A Negro juror says there was racial friction. Another juror denies it.

Dr. R. Bernard Finch, 42, and his red-haired sweetheart, Carole Tregoff, 23, had been on trial for more than three months when the jury reported itself hopelessly deadlocked last Saturday. They are accused of murdering the doctor's wife, Barbara Jean, 36, last July 18.

The jury reportedly voted 10-2 to convict Dr. Finch and 8-4 to acquit Carole.

Carole's attorneys said they would offer pleas today to free her on bail, dismiss charges against her or grant her a separate trial. The prosecution has indicted it would oppose all three motions.

Juror Eddie Lindsey, 28, a postal worker, said it was he who threatened to throw a woman juror out the window. He said he did it because of racial insults he contended were cast at him by "at least two women jurors" during deliberations.

After the second day of deliberation, Lindsey said, two women jurors referred to him as "Sambo" and "Buster Brown."

Lindsay said one of the women jurors also called juror Delores Jaimez, a man of Mexican-American descent, a "spic."

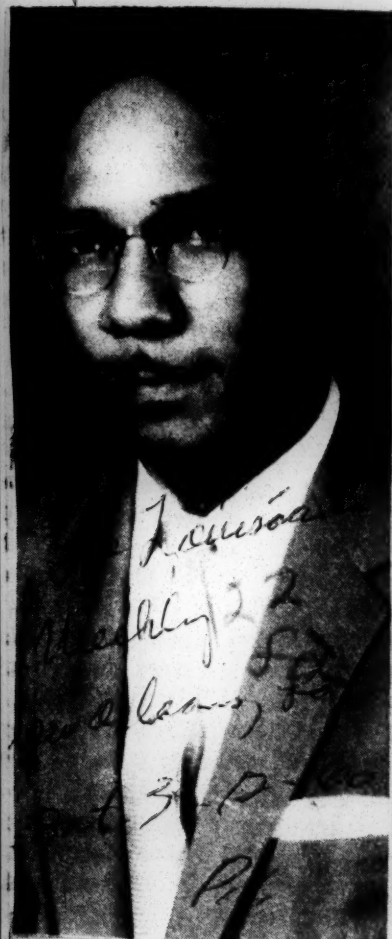
ended after he suggested "I might throw someone out the window."

Genevieve Lang, who charged that one of the two dissenters threatened to throw her out the window, said: "There was absolutely no racial prejudice shown by anyone. We all treated each other with respect."

The district attorney's office also will investigate a report that a male juror made immoral propositions in notes to two women jurors.

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GRAND JURY DUTY - Again the Orleans Parish Grand Jury has selected two prominent Orleanians to serve on the jury the next six months. Ira C. Hudson (above) 1705 Tupelo St., debit supervisor of the Good Citizens Life Insurance Company. Mr. Hudson, a member of the Union Bethel A.M.E. Church is the son of Mrs. R. L. Johnson, vice-president and treasurer of the Good Citizens Life Insurance Company and step-son of the late R. L. Johnson and is married to the former Miss Lucretia Jones. C. C. Well, director of the Flint-Goodridge Hospital was also selected for Grand Jury duty.

GRAND JURY DUTY -- Again the Orleans Parish Grand Jury has selected two prominent Orleanians to serve on the jury for the next six months. C. C. Well, (above), 2425 Louisiana Avenue, director of Flint-Goodridge Hospital and Ira C. Houston, 1705 Tupelo, debit supervisor of Good Citizens Life Insurance Company. The two were selected along with others in the court of Criminal District Judge Platt who swore them in. They immediately met with District Attorney Richard A. Dowling and announced they would meet on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. each week.

Negro Sworn In as First Juror In Jack Trial After 1-Hour Quiz

By JOSEPH ALVAREZ,

World-Telegram Staff Writer

A 51-year-old liquor store manager was chosen today as the first juror for Manhattan Borough President Hulan E. Jack's trial on charges of conspiracy and conflict of interest.

Charles M. Giddens of 305 Convent Ave., a tall, slender and soft-spoken Negro, was sworn in and seated in the jury box after an hour of questioning by Chief Assistant District Attorney Alfred J. Scotti and Carson DeWitt Baker, defense counsel.

Mr. Giddens, the 10th prospective juror questioned, became foreman of the panel in the trial before General Sessions Judge Joseph A. Sarafite.

In response to questioning by Mr. Baker, Mr. Giddens gave assurances that he would not be influenced "because of his ethnic kinship to Mr. Jack." He said also that he would not give "undue weight" to testimony from Mr. Jack "because of his high political position."

As he did yesterday, Mr. Scotti emphasized in his questioning of prospective jurors that it was not necessary for the state to prove that Mr. Jack was influenced in any manner by his relationship with Sidney J. Ungar, an old friend and real estate operator who paid \$4400 for the remodeling of the politician's apartment at a time he was doing business with the city.

The juror, who said he had attended Wilberforce College in Zenia Ohio, said he had managed a liquor store for the past six years, conducted a small jewelry business before that and was a disabled war veteran.

During the questioning of Mr. Giddens, defense counsel Baker also implied that District Attorney Frank S. Hogan may be called as a witness. "In

the course of this trial," he asked the juror, "if Mr. Frank Hogan, the district attorney of this county, were to testify, would you be awed by his presence or would you tend to give his testimony greater weight than you would to any other?" Mr. Giddens replied in the negative.

During yesterday's questioning of members of the panel, Mr. Baker hinted strongly that Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Robert Moses and other Board of Estimate members will head the parade of witnesses at Mr. Jack's trial.

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Ohio Negro Gets Jurist Post

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — (UPI) — Appointment of the first Negro Democrat to a Cleveland municipal court judgeship was made by Gov. Michael V. DiSalle, who named Theodore M. Williams, a city councilman, to the court.

Williams, however, is not the first Negro judge in Cleveland. Sen. Frank J. Lausche, while governor, appointed a Negro to the Common Pleas Court bench.

The appointment was seen as a victory for the Democratic organization in Cleveland and possibly a thawing of the chilly relations between the organization and DiSalle. The Cleveland Democrats had long urged that Williams be named to the court.